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Once Upon a Time

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The ENCHANTED HORSE



1. Flying faster than the swiftest bird, the Enchanted Horse carried Prince Fironz and his new-found Princess of Bengal to the Prince's own palace, outside the main city of Persia. As the Flying Horse swooped down, people waved to the Prince.



2. In a gay and very happy mood he waved back to them and then guided the magic horse, by the wooden knob on its neck, to a place in the palace courtyard where it could land. The servants ran to greet him. "Welcome home, after many weeks," they said.



3. Helping the Princess down off the Flying Horse, Prince Fironz took her into the palace. "You must rest and have food after that swift but breath-taking journey, sweet Princess," he said. "I myself have no time for even a sip of wine. It is important that I hurry to my father's palace in the city a few miles away. My first task will be to greet him and show him that I am safe and well. My second task—an even more pleasant one—will be to ask his consent to our wedding."



4. The servants brought him the fastest horse in the Prince's stable. "It is not so swift as the one which flies, but it will serve me well, while the Princess and the Flying Horse take their rest," said the Prince. Seeing that the lovely Princess was happy to be left, he waved goodbye and rode away.



5. It was a change for the Prince to ride a horse which kept its hoofs on the ground, but the journey passed swiftly enough and he gave a shout of joy when he reached the King's palace. But his joy turned to shocked surprise when he saw his father.

6. "You look strange and sad, wearing black clothes, father," said the Prince. The King jumped up to greet him. "When that magic horse carried you away, my son, we thought we would never see you alive again," he said. "We all mourned for you."



7. "But now I shall fling away this black cloak and be joyful that you have safely returned," the King went on. "What news have you, my son?" The Prince bent down and told the delighted King about the Bengal Princess.



8. At once the King gave his consent to their wedding. Then he called for the wicked Indian magician to be brought from the prison. "Because my son did not suffer harm when your Flying Horse carried him off, you can now go free," he said. The magician scowled—and secretly planned his revenge.

See what the magician plans to do in next week's part of this delightful story.



1. This is a sealion, one of the great family of seals. When a baby seal is born it has to be taught by its mother how to swim. Once taught, it lives the greater part of its life in the sea, but every now and then it goes on land to rest.



2. The sea-elephant is actually bigger than a land elephant. When on land it does not walk, but drags its huge fat body along in a series of shuffling movements and looks very slow and clumsy. The body of a full-grown sea-elephant contains up to seventy gallons of pure oil.



On these "Allsorts" pages you will find facts about some of the wonderful things to be seen in the world.
THIS WEEK:

All Sorts of



5. Whales are the biggest creatures in the world. Although they live in the sea they are not fish. They are animals that cannot breathe under water, so every now and then they have to come to the surface to fill their lungs with air. Some of the big whales live on very tiny shrimps.



6. The dugong is regarded as the cow of the sea, because it lives on underwater grass. It holds its baby in its arms when feeding it, and this led sailors of olden times into believing that it was a mermaid of the sea, though it cannot be said that it is a very pretty creature.



3. The walrus is also a very large creature, which spends a great deal of its time in the water. It has enormous tusks which are made of pure ivory, and it uses these to dig up shell-fish, shrimps and other little things which live at the bottom of the sea. Like the sea-elephant it seems out of place on land, as it flops clumsily around.



4. Dolphins are merry sea animals which love to play. They travel around in groups of twenty or more, and leap and gambol among the waves like happy children. Some people think that they talk to each other, for they make squeaking noises when under the water. They are very clever creatures and can be taught all sorts of amazing tricks if they are kept in an aquarium.

Creatures of the Deep



7. The narwhal is sometimes called the sea unicorn, because it has a long horn of ivory growing from its snout. With this weapon the narwhal can do great damage to small boats. But it has no ordinary teeth, so has to content itself with soft food, and one of its favourite meals is cuttlefish.



8. The porpoise always travels with a large herd, and rather resembles the dolphin in its general shape. Compare it with the picture above and you will see that the porpoise has a differently shaped mouth. Porpoises can be seen leaping in nearly all seas.



BRER RABBIT

Brer Rabbit tricks Mr. Man. By Barbara Hayes.

WELL, children, I don't know if you realise it or not, but these days, times are mighty different from what they used to be.

These days, if a rabbit sees a man, the rabbit runs off, but in the old days Brer Rabbit was so clever that people had to keep out of the way of him.

In fact, I expect you children would like

to hear of the time when Brer Rabbit outdid Mr. Man, so I will tell it to you.

One time Brer Rabbit was going along the big road, when he met Mr. Man driving a wagon chock full of money.

Lippity-clip! Clippity-lip! went Brer Rabbit on the road and he thought to himself, "How is it that I haven't got a wagon full of money?"

And Brer Rabbit thought to himself that there was something mighty wrong if Mr. Man had some money and Brer Rabbit hadn't.

So, by and by, Brer Rabbit called out: "Mr. Man, please sir, let me ride with you."

Mr. Man, he stopped his wagon and he said

"Hello, Brer Rabbit. Now what's all this about? You were going in the opposite direction to me, so why do you want a ride?"

Brer Rabbit, he scratched himself on the back of the neck with his hind feet and called back:

"Mr. Man, you don't know me very well to ask that question. Don't you know that I'm one of those old-fashioned folk, who don't care which way they are going, just so long as they are riding instead of walking?"

So after a while Mr. Man agreed to let Brer Rabbit ride for a bit.

He tried to get Brer Rabbit to sit on the seat beside him, but Brer Rabbit said he was frightened of falling off and instead he lay down flat, right in the wagon itself.

Well, by and by, they came to go down a steep hill and Mr. Man had to give all his attention to the horses.

So Brer Rabbit flung out a big handful of the money—and just as the money hit the ground, Brer Rabbit shouted out — "OW!"—to hide the noise of the money hitting the ground.

Mr. Man looked round and asked what the matter was.

"Nothing at all, Mr. Man, except you are jolting me about so much," replied Brer Rabbit.

"I can't help that," said Mr. Man. "You asked for a ride in my wagon, so you'll have to put up with the bumping. It gets even worse a bit farther on."

Brer Rabbit chuckled to himself and as the wagon bounced and jolted, he

shouted out an even louder "OW!" and dropped more of the coins out.

"What a bump that was," he said.

They went on a little further and Brer Rabbit flung out another handful of money—and as it hit the ground, Brer Rabbit shouted—"BLAM!"

Mr. Man asked what the matter was again.

"Nothing at all, Mr. Man, except that I saw a big bird flying along and I made a noise like a gun to scare it off."

Well, Brer Rabbit went on like this until all the money was gone from the wagon.

When at last Mr. Man reached home and looked for his money, you can be sure he set up a fine howling.

"Where's my money? Where's my nice money? Where is my beautiful money? Oh, you long-eared rascal! Give me back my money!"

Brer Rabbit pretended to be astonished.

"If I were you, Mr. Man," he said, "I would stop making that noise or people will think you are going out of your mind. Your wagon's been empty for as long as I can remember, though I admit I have rather a short memory. I think you must have imagined all that money."

And with that Brer Rabbit slipped off, collected the money and went home.

And Mr. Man was so ashamed at being tricked by a rabbit that he didn't say a word to anyone.

There will be another Brer Rabbit story next week.

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Your Editor's Letter

Hello Boys and Girls,

A short while ago I reminded you that some of the trees are beginning to shed their leaves, but do you know what we call trees which keep their leaves, even through the long winter months? We call them evergreens, and, as the name tells you, we call them this because they are always green. Look out for some evergreens when you are out and about.

While we are thinking about trees, you should not miss next week's "Once Upon A Time", which has two wonderful pages of trees, in full colour.

Goodbye for now,

Your friend, **The Editor.**



Why Horses wear Shoes



Hoof

If you were to walk over stones or rough ground with your feet bare they would become bruised and scratched or even cut. So you wear shoes to protect your feet. If horses walked and ran only on sand or soft grassy land they would not need to wear shoes. But because horses are working animals they often have to walk on roads or other hard surfaces. So, just as we need shoes to protect our feet, so do horses need shoes to prevent their hoofs from splitting. Because a horse's hoofs are very different from our feet, the horse-shoes it wears are very different from our shoes. Horse-shoes are made of iron and the man who nails them into position is called a farrier. The nails do not hurt the horse because its hoofs are as tough and as hard as the horns of a cow. The picture of a horse-shoe, shown here, has four nail holes on each side, but you may be shown one, or find one, which is not quite the same. These days, many farriers put on horse-shoes with seven nail-holes, four on one side and three on the other. Horse-shoes have been an emblem of good luck for many years. If you ever find one, or are given one from a horse-riding stables near your home, you could ask your Daddy to nail it to a door of a shed in the garden, to bring you good luck in the future. But be sure to tell him to nail it with the two ends sticking upwards (as shown in the picture). If the ends hang downwards, people say that all the good luck will run out of them.



Shoe



A. There are lots of things for the Teddy Bears to see in the country. How many sails has the windmill?



B. Quack-quack go the ducks. How many are in the pond? How many are on the ground? How many ducks altogether?



C. The pigs grunt and go oink-oink. How many pigs' curly tails can you count?



D. The gentle sheep go baa-baa. How many black-faced ones? How many white-faced ones? How many sheep altogether?



E. The Teddy Bears listen to the mooing of the cows and drink their milk. How many glasses are they holding?

ANSWERS: A=4, B=5+3=8, C=4, D=3+4=7, E=4.

This is a Memory Test. When you have read the story, turn to page 16 and try to answer the questions about it.

The Golden Riddle

ONCE upon a time, in the merry land of Riddle-Me-Ree, Princess Pauline was the cleverest and prettiest young lady you could ever wish to see. She liked nothing better than to be asked a new riddle.

"A riddle a day keeps long faces away," she told her faithful servant Eric, the keeper of the forest around the castle. "What is as light as a feather but cannot be held by even a strong man like you?"

"I give up, my lady," he said.

"The answer is easy — your breath," chuckled the Princess.

She was still smiling about this when they came upon a tattered man, who looked even more tired than the horse he was leading.

"You've no right on this land, fellow," growled Eric, the keeper.

The ragged man took off his hat and went down on his knees. "Good princess, I ask for only a few pence to buy food for my horse. As for myself, I was once a proud jester at the court of King Rudolph, many miles from here," he said. "I was well-versed in the art of amusement with merry jokes and clever riddles—but, alas, the King died and the new King was not one who liked to laugh, so I lost my job."

"Are you telling the truth?" demanded Eric.

"I can quickly find that out," said the Princess, silencing him. Turning, she looked down at the old beggar and said, "Can you ask me a riddle that I cannot answer?"

"I will try, sweet Princess, but I know that you are clever in the art of riddles," said the old beggar. "But can you tell me when the weather is like a Queen?"

Princess Pauline shook her head.

"The answer," said the one-time jester, "is when it rains (reigns)."

The Princess was delighted. "That, my good friend, is the golden riddle," she said. "And to prove it, I ask you to take this bag of gold. It will help to solve the riddle of two lives—your own and that of your faithful horse."





The Milkmaid and the Soldier



1. The Milkmaid and the Soldier were made of china and they stood one at each end of the window ledge. All day long the soldier gazed at the milkmaid and he thought that nothing or no one in the world could be half as pretty. And the milkmaid found the soldier so handsome that she blushed all the time.



2. Oh, how they wanted to be together, instead of being separated by the whole length of the window ledge. So, one day, the soldier asked the cat to push him along the ledge towards the milkmaid. The cat leapt up and began to push the soldier along the ledge towards the milkmaid.



3. The milkmaid was excited. "At last!" she murmured. "After all these long years of waiting we shall be side by side." But the cat pushed too hard and the soldier fell from the ledge.



4. There upon the floor lay the broken pieces of the handsome china soldier. Heartbroken, the poor milkmaid trembled so much that she, too, toppled from the window ledge and broke into fragments.



5. The sound of the crash brought the lady of the house hurrying into the room. "Naughty puss!" she scolded, thinking the cat was to blame for breaking the figures. Now that the china figures were broken she had no use for them and tossed them out into the street. "I shall just have to buy some more when I go to the market," she said. "They are cheap enough."



6. An old road sweeper was passing and he heard the sound of something falling on to the cobbles. "Here's some pretty china that's been broken and thrown away," he said, picking up the pieces. "I wonder if I could stick it all together again?" After admiring the pretty head of the milkmaid and the handsome head of the soldier, he put all the pieces into his pocket.



7. That evening, when his day's work was over, the old road sweeper sat in his humble home trying to fit together the pieces of china. "Now—that piece goes next to that piece," he smiled. "And that piece looks as if it belongs here." Patiently he worked, for hour after hour, fitting the broken pieces together with loving care, in the light of the flickering candles.



8. The old man did not know that the milkmaid and the soldier had been two separate figures, and he stuck them together as one and placed them above his fireplace. "Our dream has come true!" breathed the milkmaid. "Yes, my love," smiled the soldier. "At last we are together." "What a handsome couple," smiled the old man. "I'm glad I picked up those pieces."



BEAUTIFUL PICTURES

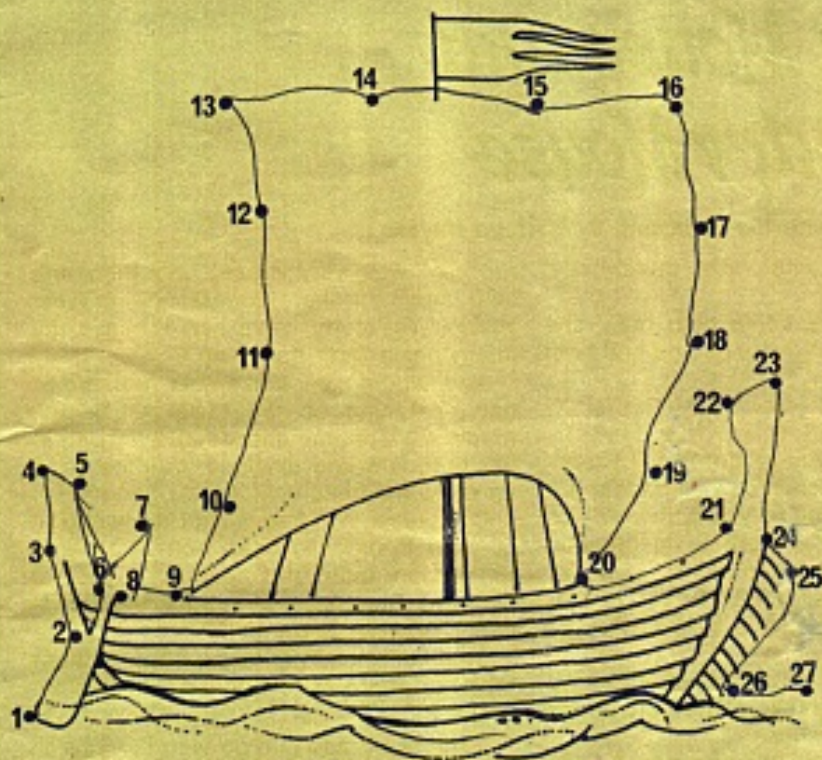
If you were asked to give this beautiful picture a title, what would you call it? You might call it "Boy and Girl, with Yacht" or "The First Voyage" or "Sails in the Sunshine". Can you think of a good title for it? The boy is seen point-

ing to something beyond the gallant little yacht. Perhaps it is a fish, which, compared with the size of the yacht, would be like steering towards a giant monster of the deep. The boy's sister seems more anxious about the set

of the sails and the way the new yacht is moving through the water. Perhaps we shall never know exactly what the brother and sister were thinking about, but this lovely colour photograph would go well in a scrapbook.

King Henry I

Henry was the brother of William Rufus the Red King, whom we told you about last week. After the death of William Rufus he became King Henry the First and married Matilda, a princess of Scotland. Henry lost his only son when the boy was 18. He was drowned in a fine new ship, called the White Ship, which struck a rock in the English Channel and sank. This was a great shock to Henry.



By joining the dots of this puzzle from number 1 to number 27, you will draw a picture of the ill-fated White Ship.





The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

This week, Winifred has trouble with her swimsuit. By Barbara Hayes.

If you read the town and country mouse story last week, you will remember that we left Winifred, her boy-friend Bertie, and Nigel, who was the boy-friend of Stephanie, the town mouse, all having fun swimming in the sea at Sunny Sands.

Stephanie was sitting waiting in Nigel's car. She didn't want to spoil her dress by taking it off on the beach or get her fur wet by the sea water.

It was all great fun splashing about in the sea, but at last the mice decided it was time to come out.

And it was then that the trouble started—for Winifred, at least.

You see, Winifred had been wearing a knitted swimsuit—and one that had been made from wool from an old jumper at that.

So, of course, when Winifred went into the water, the wool in the swimsuit stretched and stretched and stretched.

Winifred didn't notice while she was swimming about, because the swimsuit floated about round her.

But when Winifred turned and tried to run into the shallow water, what a surprise she had!

The woolly straps of the swimsuit stretched and the weight of the water soaked into the wool pulled the swimsuit down, until instead of covering Winifred up, the swimsuit was round her ankles.

"Help!" gasped Winifred, dashing back into the deeper water and pulling the swimsuit up round her as best she could.

"What's the matter, Winifred?" asked Bertie, looking back at her in surprise.

And Nigel said, "Come on, Winifred, old bean! I really think we ought to go out now. Stevie (Nigel's name for Stephanie) will be tired of waiting for us."

"But I can't come out!" gasped Winifred, "every time I try to come out of the water my swimsuit falls down to my ankles."

"Well, we will bring you a towel to wrap round you as you come out," said Nigel.

But Winifred, who was rather shy, wouldn't hear of it.

"Don't you boys come near me," she said. "Our Stephanie must come and help me."

Poor Nigel!

His heart sank.

"Do you mean I have got to tell Stephanie to take off her shoes and paddle out into the water to bring you a towel?" he quavered. "Why if I were to mention it, she'd hit me with her umbrella."

But mention it Nigel had to. Either that or Winifred would have stayed in the water until dark.

Nigel shook till his fur shivered, as he asked Stephanie to take off her fine things and paddle into the sea.

And for a moment Stephanie looked as if she were going to be really angry.

Then, fortunately for Nigel, Stephanie saw a newspaper reporter with his camera strolling along the beach.

At once Stephanie said in a loud voice: "What did you say? My cousin is drowning and you two boys daren't go to rescue her? Stand out of my way. I will save her at once."

Both Nigel and Bertie blinked their eyes in surprise. They stared at Stephanie, then looked towards the sea, where Winifred was still bobbing out under the water, not daring to come out.

"Drowning?" gasped Bertie. "Who did you say was drowning?"

"I can't see anyone who wants saving, Stephanie," said Nigel. "What on earth are you talking about?"

"Oh, do be quiet and don't go and spoil everything," snapped Stephanie. "I never get any sense out of you two. What a pity it is that I'm the only one who seems to have any brains around here."

"Yes, of course," nodded Nigel.

"Yes, indeed," said Bertie, but neither of them really understood what was in Stephanie's sharp mind.

Stephanie waited until the newspaper

reporter was very close, and then she said again, in her loudest and bravest voice, "Yes, I will save her. I'll save my dear cousin from drowning!"

And flinging off her shoes and dress, and snatching up the towel Nigel was holding, Stephanie dashed into the sea in her petticoat and dragged Winifred back up on to the beach.

Of course, Winifred wasn't drowning at all, and if she had been both Nigel and Bertie were quite brave enough to rescue her, but Stephanie didn't let the newspaper reporter know that.

Stephanie made sure the photographer took her photo as she pulled Winifred out of the water.

Then she made him go with them to an hotel and have tea, while she dressed herself up to look smart again and then had another photograph taken.

The next day the newspapers were full of Stephanie and how brave she had been and all Stephanie's friends were jealous because she was so famous.

Stephanie was happy!

"We must all go to the sea again one day," she smiled.

There will be another story about the mice next week.

Here are the questions from the Memory Test story "The Golden Riddle" on page 10. See how many you can answer before looking back at the story.

1. What was the name of the keeper of the forest?
2. What did the Princess say a riddle a day keeps away?
3. Can you remember the name of the King the ragged old jester worked for?
4. What is as light as a feather, but cannot be held by a strong man?





JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



1. Do you remember how last week you learned that Jack dashed away with the golden hen belonging to the wicked giant? Jack escaped by climbing down the beanstalk, and when he reached the bottom how pleased his mother was to see him safely home again.



2. "Fancy doing all that just to get a hen," said Jack's mother. "But this is a very special hen, mother," explained Jack. "Just you watch." Then Jack said to the hen: "Lay." At once, to his mother's surprise, the hen laid a shining egg of solid gold.



3. With the golden eggs laid by the hen Jack and his mother were soon as rich as anyone could wish. When they had been poor Jack's mother had been dressed in rags and had worked very hard, so now it made Jack happy to be able to buy beautiful dresses for her. "You will never be dressed in old clothes again, mother," said Jack.



4. But as the days passed Jack found himself tempted to climb once again the great beanstalk. So one fine morning he rose early, got on to the beanstalk and he climbed and pulled himself up until he reached the top. But this time Jack knew better than to go straight to the giant's house. "I must keep out of his sight," he thought.



5. When he got near the house, Jack waited behind a bush until the giant's wife came out to get a pail of water. And without her seeing him he crept into the house.



6. Once inside the house he looked around for a hiding place. Silently Jack climbed into the tub which the giant's wife used for boiling the washing.



7. Jack hadn't been hidden in the tub for more than a minute or two when he heard thump! thump! thump! and in came the mighty giant. "Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum!" growled the giant. "I smell the bones of an Englishman. I smell him! I smell him! But I cannot see him. Where can the rascal be hiding?"



8. "You are always right when you say that you can smell the bones of an Englishman, my dear," said the giant's wife, as she followed him into the kitchen. "It will be the boy who took your gold and the hen that lays the golden eggs. If he's here I know where he will be hiding. I'll find him in a moment."

In your next "Once Upon A Time" you will learn what happens when the wicked giant sees Jack.

FAMOUS NAMES

interesting facts about people, places and things in our world.



1. **The Prince of Wales.** The title Prince of Wales has been given to the eldest son of the King or Queen of Great Britain ever since King Edward the First presented his baby son to the people of Wales, in the year 1301, to make the two countries one kingdom after they had been at war for many years. This year, in 1969, Prince Charles became the new Prince of Wales.



2. **The Concorde.** The Concorde is a huge new passenger jet-plane, which has been built by Britain and France, the work being shared by the two countries. It can fly much faster than the speed of sound. You can see its long, pointed nose, which can be bent down so that the pilot gets a good view of the ground when he is landing or taking-off this super plane.



3. **Athens.** Athens is the capital city of Greece. It has been called a "city of whiteness and brightness" because nearly all its buildings are made of marble or limestone and against the blue of a clear sky the effect is dazzling. On a hill above the modern city are ruins of an ancient temple and other buildings.



4. **Apache.** The Apaches (say "A-patch-ees") are a tribe of Red Indians who live in parts of America. Once upon a time they were the enemies of white men and fought against the United States soldiers. They were so warlike that other Red Indian tribes called them "Apache", which in their language means "enemy".